

Oakwood School

20 Main Street, Glenfield, Leicester, Leicestershire LE3 8DG

Inspection dates

19 November 2019

Overall outcome

The school is likely to meet the relevant independent school standards if the material changes relating to the school provision are implemented

Main inspection findings

Part 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils

Paragraph 11, 16, 16(a) and 16(b)

- Leaders have devised a health and safety policy which is suitable for the school's new site. Potential hazards for pupils and staff have been carefully considered. Leaders understand their responsibility to risk assess and monitor the health and safety of all who use the site.
- Leaders have implemented an effective risk-assessment policy. This policy is pertinent to the possible health and safety risks identified in the school environment and beyond. The school's safeguarding policy is fit for purpose. It is published on the school website.
- Staff have received up-to-date training to support pupils with safeguarding concerns, as well as with their social, emotional, behavioural and academic needs.
- Since the completion of the new school building, leaders have thought carefully about the potential health and safety risks on the school site. Risk assessments are in place. Leaders have taken appropriate actions to minimise the potential health and safety risks for staff and pupils. For example, there is now a suitable area for taxis to drop off and collect pupils. In addition, the fencing around the school site is secure and entry and exit to the school site is carefully controlled.
- The school is likely to meet the requirements of the standards in this part, should the material change be implemented.

Part 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools

Paragraph 25

- The school premises are well maintained. All resources are new to the school and in good condition. Leaders make sure that facilities are safe for pupils to use. For example, drinking water is clearly labelled. Leaders carry out regular checks on the

temperature of the water across different areas of the school to ensure that there is no risk from scalding.

- The school is set in secure grounds. The environment is calm and conducive to learning. Leaders have implemented effective policies and risk assessments to ensure the health, safety and welfare of pupils when using the premises. For example, a fire-risk assessment has been carried out in a timely manner and recommendations have been promptly implemented.
- The school is likely to meet the requirements of the standards in this part, should the material change be implemented.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school is likely to meet the requirements of the schedule to the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 ('the independent school standards') and associated requirements that are relevant to the material change.

School details

Unique reference number	128078
DfE registration number	855/6021
Inspection number	10130257

This inspection was carried out under section 162(4) of the Education Act 2002, the purpose of which is to advise the Secretary of State for Education about the school's likely compliance with the independent school standards relevant to the material change that the school has applied to make.

Type of school	Other independent special school
School status	Independent school
Proprietor	United Education Limited
Chair	Wayne Parkes
Headteacher	Mr Kevin Kinsella
Annual fees (day pupils)	£45,000
Telephone number	01455 273763
Website	www.unitedhealth.co.uk/education/oakwood-community-school/
Email address	Kevin.kinsella@unitedes.co.uk
Date of previous standard inspection	22–24 January 2019

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal	Inspector's recommendation
Age range of pupils	8 to 18	8 to 16	8 to 16
Number of pupils on the school roll	24	40	40

Pupils

	School's current position	School's proposal
Gender of pupils	Mixed	Mixed

Number of full-time pupils of compulsory school age	24	40
Number of part-time pupils	0	0
Number of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities	20	40
Of which, number of pupils with an education, health and care plan	20	40
Of which, number of pupils paid for by a local authority with an education, health and care plan	20	40

Staff

	School's current position	School's proposal
Number of full-time equivalent teaching staff	15	15
Number of part-time teaching staff	0	0

Information about this school

- The school has relocated. It opened at its current address in September 2019.
- Since the previous inspection the leadership of the school has changed. The role of headteacher is no longer shared. The current headteacher is now the substantive headteacher.
- The school is registered to provide full-time education for up to 20 pupils aged between eight and 18 years old who have social, emotional and mental health difficulties, together with associated challenging behaviour. There are currently 24 pupils on roll. There are no post-16 students on roll.
- Some pupils are in the care of the local authority.
- Most pupils who attend the school have an education, health and care plan.
- The school's last standard inspection took place on 22–24 January 2019. At this inspection, the school was found not to be meeting the independent school standards in full and was judged inadequate.

- A material change inspection took place on 10 July 2019. At this inspection, the school was found to not be meeting Part 3 paragraphs 11, 16, 16(a) and 16(b) and Part 5 paragraph 25 of the independent school standards.
- There has been a change in proprietor since the standard inspection took place. The number of pupils on roll exceeds the registered number. The school does not admit pupils over the age of 16. These changes have not been registered on the DfE website, [Get information about schools](#).

Information about this inspection

- The DfE commissioned this material change inspection in response to the unmet standards identified at the previous material change inspection. This was in response to the school's request to move premises and increase the capacity of the school to admit up to 40 pupils.
- I met with the headteacher and the chair of the proprietorial board. I undertook a tour of the school's premises with the headteacher.
- I scrutinised relevant policies, procedures and records to check the school's compliance with the relevant independent school standards.

Inspection team

Stephanie Innes-Taylor, lead inspector

Her Majesty's Inspector

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